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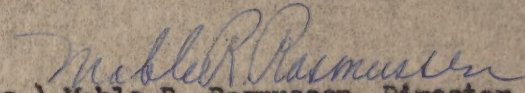
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We have at last, received surplus flour, and Mrs. Smith has been teaching the girls to bake bread. They are doing very well at it and yesterday Esther tried her hand at making rolls. She was most successful. Marlene, who plans on marriage, made her first batch of bread with Mrs. Smith's help. Today she made one by herself and it is very good.

Some of our girls like to make use of special occasions to show what they can do. Although no plans were actually made for a valentine party, other than decorating the living room, one girl decided to make heart-shaped cakes and to decorate them; then, our dessert for that night was heart-shaped jello. As it was 'boys' night, they planned games and had a very good time, using our dessert for party fare!

Another event of some importance was the marriage of one of our former girls. Knowing Mrs. Smith can decorate a lovely wedding cake, she asked if she could have her reception here and have Mrs. Smith make the cake and offered to pay expenses. Rev. Dierking married them at the First Church and the reception was held here as planned.



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Meetings for girls of Junior High age will begin in March. A leader has not been chosen as yet for this group. We find girls of this age getting into difficulties more and more often and are anxious that we get them coming to Hospitality House for their friendship and fellowship before they find interests less wholesome, elsewhere. Later a class for still younger girls will be started.


Miss Hornbeck took some of the girls to see the dog races. We were surprised to learn that they had never seen a dog race, although it is not to be wondered at as they had spent most of their life in Southeastern Alaska.

This month the Board of Management met at the Hospitality House, where they were guests at dinner prepared and served by the girls under Mrs. Smith's direction. Arrangements were such that Board members and girls, were seated alternately in order that our Board members may become better acquainted with our girls. We plan to do this at least once each quarter, if possible.

We have had several visitors again, especially people who come in from the villages such as nurses or village officials who are interested in Hospitality House. We especially enjoyed a visit from Dr. Clifford Earle. The girls were enthralled by his magic tricks and almost failed to get to their Child Care class on time. He came back the next day and took pictures and when he left the girls asked him to come for a visit again.

We enjoy visitors and are looking forward to those who will come to visit with Dr. Jackman in April. I hope by then that our House will be in order in every way, and that those who come will see the work in action, and will be encouraged to continue the fine support we have had during the past two years. Without it, we would be unable to continue.

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Some of our girls are painting furniture and it does help to make everything look clean and fresh. The girls we have at present are much interested in doing such work. One Saturday they painted kitchen chairs and last Saturday painted dining room chairs and the piano. Although Harry and I take Saturday for our day off, we spend most of it in the apartment and it is most pleasant to hear the girls as they work downstairs, singing and laughing and enjoying themselves while they work. Such Harmony! It is an equal pleasure to walk through the downstairs later in the day and see everything clean and shining and all ready for Sunday.

We have at last, received surplus flour, and Mrs. Smith has been teaching the girls to bake bread. They are doing very well at it and yesterday Esther tried her hand at making rolls. She was most successful. Marlene, who plans on marriage, made her first batch of bread with Mrs. Smith's help. Today she made one by herself and it is very good.

Some of our girls like to make use of special occasions to show what they can do. Although no plans were actually made for a valentine party, other than decorating the living room, one girl decided to make heart-shaped cakes and to decorate them; then, our dessert for that night was heart-shaped jello. As it was 'boys' night, they planned games and had a very good time, using our dessert for party fare!

Another event of some importance was the marriage of one of our former girls. Knowing Mrs. Smith can decorate a lovely wedding cake, she asked if she could have her reception here and have Mrs. Smith make the cake and offered to pay expenses. Rev. Dierking married them at the First Church and the reception was held here as planned.



Under program with Miss Hornbeck, the Child Care classes continue on each Thursday night with Mrs. Carey as instructor. The girls find them very interesting as well as instructive. The Homemakers meet every other Thursday with Miss Ida Mae Merrill as their leader. They have been doing such things as copper enameling, making mukluks for their tiny tots, and last meeting when I stepped in to visit, they were all busy with knitting needles and crochet hooks.

Meetings for girls of Junior High age will begin in March. A leader has not been chosen as yet for this group. We find girls of this age getting into difficulties more and more often and are anxious that we get them coming to Hospitality House for their friendship and fellowship before they find interests less wholesome, elsewhere. Later a class for still younger girls will be started.


Miss Hornbeck took some of the girls to see the dog races. We were surprised to learn that they had never seen a dog race, although it is not to be wondered at as they had spent most of their life in Southeastern Alaska.

This month the Board of Management met at the Hospitality House, where they were guests at dinner prepared and served by the girls under Mrs. Smith's direction. Arrangements were such that Board members and girls, were seated alternately in order that our Board members may become better acquainted with our girls. We plan to do this at least once each quarter, if possible.

We have had several visitors again, especially people who come in from the villages such as nurses or village officials who are interested in Hospitality House. We especially enjoyed a visit from Dr. Clifford Earle. The girls were enthralled by his magic tricks and almost failed to get to their Child Care class on time. He came back the next day and took pictures and when he left the girls asked him to come for a visit again.

We enjoy visitors and are looking forward to those who will come to visit with Dr. Jackman in April. I hope by then that our House will be in order in every way, and that those who come will see the work in action, and will be encouraged to continue the fine support we have had during the past two years. Without it, we would be unable to continue.

Respectfully submitted:

  
(Mrs.) Mable Rasmussen, Director



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10. Number of meals provided residents	<u>1566</u>	<u>4225</u>	<u>1521</u>
11. Daily average number of residents	<u>11½</u>		
12. Daily average number of non-residents	<u>2/3</u>		
13. Average length of stay per resident	<u>25 day</u>		
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15. Total capacity of home for residents	<u>18</u>		
16. Number of groups or social gatherings held during month	<u>8</u>		
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Private party         
Other agency (specify)         
Self 8

\*Breakdown of Discharges

Returned to own home 12  
Found job with housing 2  
To hospitals 1

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March 17, 1959

Dr. J. Earl Jackman  
Dept. of Work in Alaska  
United Presbyterian Church, U S A  
156 5th Avenue  
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Jackman:

2 | This is just to ask if you are sure to be here for the 12th of April as planned when you were here in July. I remember that you wrote it in your little book. I have been so sure of it myself that until this morning when John asked if I was sure you would be here that day, I had no doubts. Perhaps I had better make sure.

Our Board has already been working on plans for that day - plans concerning the program for dedication and refreshments. Of course getting the house in order and the painting done, etc. is our worry but I'm sure it will be ready. No matter when a day is set there is always a certain amount of last minute preparations and confusion. Now, I did it! Imagine admitting to confusion.

We are using the apartment, except of course for cooking. We do have our meals up there on our day off and Harry enjoys some free time up there but until the kitchen unit is in we are using our old electric over. It works very well and as long as we have an electric coffee maker, we are all set.

Miss Miller spent about ten days with us and I think she was quite satisfied with most everything. Of course, until we get storage rooms we will not be able to have as good a looking house as we'd like but then, we can't have everything at once. Isn't it surprising how quickly we forget that we were thankful to have any kind of a building just so we could get started? It's amazing how the work has grown, tho' and I suppose the fact that our needs have grown along with the work to be done, does make us impatient at times.

1 | Dr. John Park Lee has written saying he could come for dinner on the one night he is here. I wrote him fearing that he would get away without our seeing him. You had better condition him before he leaves so that he won't be too disappointed. However, by that time I think we will have the whole upstairs and some of the downstairs all painted. Some of the boys are coming tomorrow to finish the bathroom painting. The part that thrills me the most is the sickroom. It's always in use and such a help to keep colds etc. from spreading. Two of our girls had 'pink-eye' and it stopped with them.

Goodbye for now. Please answer as soon as possible regarding the 12th of April so I won't have to go in hiding.

Sincerely,

(PLEASE REPLY BY AIR MAIL)

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March 19, 1959

Mrs. Harry Rasmussen  
1136 Airport Road  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear table:

Thank you for your letter of March 17th inquiring about the date of my presence in Fairbanks. I think we did talk about the 12th of April, but I discovered upon my return, that some conditions have occurred that have upset this planning. The change of the dates of the meetings of the two Presbyteries and the presence in Alaska with me of some official visitors, make it necessary for me to rearrange the schedule.

I expect to arrive in Fairbanks on the evening of April 6th by Alaska Airlines, with Mr. James Leitch, who is the head of our Building Aid and Church Extension Department. We will be in Fairbanks all day on the seventh, and will leave the morning of the 8th for Juneau and the Alaska Presbytery. On the morning of April 11th, I shall leave Skagway with Mr. L. A. Polhemus and the Rev. Phillip Mallorn, who is the stated Clerk of the Synod of Washington, for Juneau and Anchorage in the afternoon. We had planned to be in Anchorage on April 12th and the week following to attend the meetings of Yukon Presbytery. Following the meeting of Presbytery, I shall leave Anchorage the morning of the 18th to fly through Fresno, California to speak there the morning of the 19th. Because of the expense involved, I had not planned to come on to Fairbanks again on the 12th or that following week.

Since you are planning a dedication service for Hospitality House, could that be done on the evening of the 7th, which is Tuesday? If it seems best to you and the Board of the House, I can come up on Saturday evening, the 11th and be in Fairbanks for the 12th, but had not planned to spend this extra money from Anchorage to Fairbanks again. Suppose you and John Stokes consider this, and I will accept your recommendation whether it be on Tuesday evening the 7th, or whether it be on Saturday the 12th.

Mr. John Park Lee is our Staff Consultant on the operation of Presbyterian Homes, Community Centers and Welfare Houses. He is the Executive Secretary of the Presbyterian Health and Welfare Association, and the one to whom we look for guidance in program and buildings in this part of our missionary service. He is visiting Hospitality House and Wainess House, particularly in order to understand something of their program, and be available for advice and counsel for the future. He is coming to Fairbanks



specifically to visit you, so we hope it will be possible for him to come for dinner with the whole staff and girls in order for him to understand our work there. I think it would be well for him to meet with the Hospitality House Board during his visit. You must understand that this is not an "official inspection", but rather to understand what we are doing with a freedom to make suggestions which we hope will be helpful in the program. We would suggest that you tell him all about what you are doing, and then ask if he has any suggestions which can be made to you and to the Board and the Local Board.

I am wondering if there is any need for me to have a meeting with the Hospitality Board while I am there. We do not want them to feel that they must come together for an official meeting for everyone who comes along, but since the appropriation and board contact is through our office, I do want to keep in touch with the Board and what we are all trying to do together.

We are glad to get the report that the renovations have been completed so far that you and Harry will have your apartment alone. We do appreciate the fine service which you are both giving. Best regards, and blessings upon you in your wonderful work. I shall be looking forward to another visit with you in April.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Dept. of Work in Alaska

CC: The Rev. Brian H. Cleworth  
The Rev. John Stokes



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Dept. of Work in Alaska  
United Presbyterian Church, U S A  
156 5th Ave.,  
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Jackman:

2 | Thank you for your prompt reply. I should have written earlier to confirm the date for dedication but Tuesday, April the 7th will be fine. I talked with John Stokes about it and he felt it would be alright with the Board members. Will you and Dr. Leitch be able to have dinner with us too, that evening? Perhaps the 6th would be better unless you will be coming in too late. That can wait until we know just what time you will arrive. Plane times change according to the weather up here so we will wait and arrange that later.

I am glad Dr. Lee is going to be able to have dinner with us. There was a suggestion that we also have one or two others in at the same time but I feel it is better that he be able to visit with the girls. They are at their best when there is only one or two visitors. They become shy with too many. However, our Board will come over at eight o'clock to meet and talk with Dr. Lee.

I wish you could see how hard our girls are working to get our house in order. They are painting, calking logs and varnishing. There is much to be done but we will not get everything ready. However, if we don't have some needs to show people they will feel we no longer need as much help when just the opposite is true. What a long way we have come in two years! When I remember how we prayed for something much less than this and the way was closed and then this building was made available, and how hard it was to believe God had a better way, I am ashamed. What a marvelous thing it is that God's will and work is not limited by our lack of faith. I guess it is a case of "Lord, I believe, help Thou mine unbelief."

We are all looking forward to seeing you again and will pray that nothing will hinder nor cause your whole trip to be anything but the very best.

Sincerely,

*noble*

cc: Brian Cleworth



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5. Number of discharges	11	56	9
6. Total remaining in home at end of month	12		21
7. Number of overnights lodging for non-residents.	12	147	17
8. Number of overnights lodging for residents	316	1301	521
9. Number of meals provided non-residents	341	965	70
10. Number of meals provided residents	1375	5600	1620
11. Daily average number of residents	10 1/3		
12. Daily average number of non-residents	2/5		
13. Average length of stay per resident	28 1/2 days		
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15. Total capacity of home for residents	18		
16. Number of groups or social gatherings held during month			9
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Now that all the excitement is over, and as much housecleaning and painting done as we could manage before the date set for our Open House and Dedication, we can sit back a bit before getting back into our old routine, and talk over the happenings of the past month. Although everyone worked very hard to get everything in readiness, we still had a few mishaps in our efforts to make the unlovely, lovely and in a few spots, to camouflage where we could not improve. We were satisfied in that we had done our very best and it had to be left at that.

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1. Register at date of last report	<u>13</u>		<u>16</u>	
2. New admissions	<u>5</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>10</u>	
3. Readmissions	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	
4. Total number of admissions*	<u>10</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>14</u>	
5. Number of discharges	<u>11</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>9</u>	
6. Total remaining in home at end of month	<u>12</u>		<u>21</u>	
7. Number of overnights lodging for non-residents.	<u>12</u>	<u>147</u>	<u>17</u>	
8. Number of overnights lodging for residents	<u>316</u>	<u>1301</u>	<u>521</u>	
9. Number of meals provided non-residents	<u>341</u>	<u>965</u>	<u>70</u>	
10. Number of meals provided residents	<u>1375</u>	<u>5600</u>	<u>1620</u>	
11. Daily average number of residents	<u>10 1/2</u>			
12. Daily average number of non-residents	<u>2/5</u>			
13. Average length of stay per resident	<u>28 1/2</u> days			
14. Average length of stay per non-resident	<u>1 1/2</u> days			
15. Total capacity of home for residents	<u>18</u>			
16. Number of groups or social gatherings held during month			<u>9</u>	
17. Number of classes held for residents & community			<u>3</u>	
18. Number of interviews or consultations with residents	<u>51</u>		<u>35</u>	
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Referred by:

Alaska Dept. of Health	<u>      </u>
Alaska Native Health Service	<u>      </u>
Dept. of Public Welfare	<u>1</u>
Bureau Indian Affairs	<u>3</u>
Board of Juvenile Institutions	<u>      </u>
Private party	<u>      </u>
Other agency (specify)	<u>      </u>
Self	<u>6</u>

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Returned to own home	<u>6</u>
Found job with housing	<u>3</u>
To hospitals	<u>1</u>
To Jail	<u>1</u>

(this girl cared for temporarily would not conform so had to be placed in Detention Home)

*Mark R. Rasmussen*  
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MAY 21 1959

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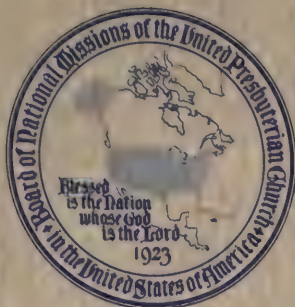
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April 28, 1959

The Rev. John C. Stokes  
College, Alaska

Dear John:

At the meeting of the Presbytery I had with me the personnel papers for Mrs. Marian Mann, whom we were considering as a summer worker for Hospitality House. Brian Cleworth and Mrs. Rasmussen reviewed her papers, and both felt that she would be acceptable and an asset for the program during the summer. Mrs. Mann has been informed of this possibility. She has just called me by telephone to indicate that her plans have changed, and she will be available only for six weeks. This would mean from the middle of June through the month of July. We would ask you to clear with Mrs. Rasmussen to see whether this would be acceptable, or whether we should try to find someone else who would be there for the full 2½ or 3 months. Mrs. Mann will be responsible for her own transportation, so that we would simply pay her \$200.00 plus room and board at Hospitality House.

Mrs. Mann has a son, Brook, who is 18½ years old and graduating from high school early in June. He would like to come with his mother and be a part of our church program somewhere. Mrs. Mann states that he has had experience in Vacation Bible School, and would like to be used in that program, although he is willing to do anything. He would be with his mother only for the six weeks period, and feels that it is not worth while trying to get secular employment during that short period. Could you use him in your own Bible School and/or a school at Six Mile? If this is not possible, it seems certain that Neil could use him for program or physical work in connection with Big Delta. Mrs. Mann describes Brook as a husky young man who is willing to work and is accustomed to being a part of the religious program. She will come to see me on the 11th of May here at the office, and I would like to have clearance on this prior to that time so that we can give her a definite answer. If there is a place for both of them, we will clear details on the 11th. If the amount of time they have available does not seem worth the trip, then we should tell her before she comes over here for the interview.

You should know that Shirley Angle, the ECM at the First Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, wants to come up for a month or 6 weeks, and we have made a contact for her with Joe Heckel who would use her in Vacation Bible Schools along the railroad. Regards to the family.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Dept. of Work in Alaska

JJJ:EM

CC: The Rev. Brian H. Cleworth; Mrs. Eabul Rasmussen



# Presbyterian Hospitality House

*The Hospitality House is to provide Christian Guidance  
and assistance to needy girls of working age*

April 21, 1959

Dr. J. Earl Jackman  
Department of Work in Alaska  
United Presbyterian Church USA  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York 10, New York

Dear Dr. Jackman:

Sorry I didn't get to talk with you before you left for Fresno, but, I did not know you were leaving Saturday morning. I left hurriedly, myself, after the banquet, as friends were waiting for me. The next time I attend any such meetings I will stay at a hotel. I dislike causing others any inconvenience and not being able to do as I please. I enjoy my friends and their kindness but would rather be on my own.

I gave Mrs. Mann's application forms to Brian and he will return them to you. I was very well impressed with her qualifications and feel she would be able to work very well with us here. I hope she will be able to come as I feel we could perhaps get our program under way and perhaps get volunteer helpers for part of it. Another thought is, that she should have some financial help too and if she did work out well, we would surely not need Margaret at least for the summer, thus releasing what is paid Margaret for other personnel. I have not talked this over with anyone else and unless I hear from either you or Brian to the contrary, shall not mention it. Marilyn will no doubt have a job for the summer which will be good for her. She will perhaps earn enough for her next school year and also get away from the work here for a while and come back in the fall refreshed.

Miss Benfer has been a joy to have around. Today she is with the women at College church for a Tea. Neal Monroe came for her yesterday and she spent the night with them. On top of it all, she caught a cold and has not been feeling too well. I am not sure which has made her feel worse; the cold, or all the suggestions from everyone on how to conquer it. Our girls love her but they are getting to enjoy anyone who comes to visit from other places. On Sunday afternoon the Lahti's took Rev. Walborn, Dr. Polhemus and Rachel for a ride and to the museum so they did get around a bit. Harry took Rachel for a drive around town the night she came so she could see what Fairbanks was like. Dr. Polhemus talked with us about getting some assistance from the Synod. He was much interested in our work and felt that a small grant of so much a month would be of help to us, Sounds good doesn't it?

It is good to get back to work after my week away. Everything was just fine when I returned except that Harry had hurt his big toe so had an excuse to stay home a few days. He says he enjoyed playing lazy.

Thank you so much for everything. It was good to see you again, and to talk with you.

cc: Brian

(PLEASE REPLY BY AIR MAIL)

Sincerely,

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1959 Al Summer Soc

Mrs Mann to A.F.

April 24, 1959

Mrs. Marion C. Mann  
530 Westview Street  
Philadelphia 19, Penna.

Dear Mrs. Mann:

Your papers have been referred to us by our Summer Service Office for consideration for service in Alaska. I took them with me and consulted two or three people up there about where you might be used. Because of your age and maturity, we felt that the best possible place would be in our Hospitality House in Fairbanks, where we have a home for teen age girls, mostly Eskimo, who need guidance in the transition from housekeeping on the Arctic Coast in a primitive home, to our own modern home, training in the various kinds of jobs which may be open to them, plus moral and spiritual guidance to keep them out of trouble, and try to lead them to the Christian way of life. Many of them have been physical exploited by some kinds of white people in the area. We began this work to help those who were already in difficulty and to protect a way of life for them which would keep them out of trouble for the future. We have housing arrangements for 18 girls plus Mrs. Label Sammons, who conceived this house, and is now the head of it. She and her husband have an apartment in the building. We have Mrs. Smith who is the housekeeper, and a part-time group worker who runs up the staff. Marilyn Latta has been living there with service for board and room while she is attending the University of Alaska. During the summer they will need extra help to take care of the girls for vacations. Within a short period of two years, this house has become recognized by all social and governmental agencies as a source of great ministry to these girls.

On our summer service program, we have been very willing to use any people to supplement the regular personnel for a regular or additional service. We have not had the money in our budget to provide for the cost of transportation plus any remuneration. Therefore, we have had to ask our summer workers to come to us with transportation provided, and we would supply a small token remuneration. Those coming to us on the college level are to receive \$10.00 a month for two months service in the summer, and those on the seminary level, will come to us as single persons are to receive \$250.00 plus housing. If you were to serve two or three months at Hospitality House, you would have housing and meals there, although probably, not a private room, plus about



\$200.00 a month. We recognize that this remuneration is not up to standard employment arrangements, but is for summer service.

There would not be any place for Brooks there, and if he went with you, he would have to make other arrangements. If he were on the seminary level, or if we knew more about him, we might have some suggestion, because we could use a seminary student for a three months period doing work in an area of scattered population six miles east of Fairbanks, under the supervision of the Rev. John Stokes, who is our minister at College. There will be considerable secular employment in the area during the coming summer, and he would have a good possibility of getting some other job while you are there.

Give me your reaction on both of these things as soon as possible, and I shall try to follow it up with you. Your papers indicate that you would not be able to leave home until June 12th. There could be a place for you as early as June 1st. If you flew, you could get there by the middle of June on the basis of your date of June 12, but if you drove after that, it would take 10 days from this area, which would cut your time of service on the field. Perhaps, much more information about all of these things involved would help us to come to a final decision.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackson, Secretary  
Dept. of Work in Alaska

JEM:HW

CC: Mrs. H. Rasmussen, Hospitality House, Fairbanks, Alaska  
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3. Readmissions	9	16	6
4. Total number of admissions*	104	114	47
5. Number of discharges	104	160	48
6. Total remaining in home at end of month	12		
7. Number of overnights lodging for non-residents.	150	297	65
8. Number of overnights lodging for residents	346	1647	557
9. Number of meals provided non-residents	494	1459	309
10. Number of meals provided residents	1349	6949	1603
11. Daily average number of residents	11.6		
12. Daily average number of non-residents	4.8		
13. Average length of stay per resident	24 days		
14. Average length of stay per non-resident	1-2/3 days		
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Alaska Dept. of Health	
Alaska Native Health Service	
Dept. of Public Welfare	2
Bureau Indian Affairs	82
Board of Juvenile Institutions	4
Private party	1
Other agency (specify)	
Self	5
Office of Vocat. Rehab	1
" " Relocation	1
Sheldon Jackson students	8

\*Breakdown of Discharges

Returned to own home	90
Found job with housing	9
To hospitals	2
Foster Home	1
Detention Home	3

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NARRATIVE FOR MONTH OF MAY, 1959

Our very busy month of May, with its trek of students returning to their villages is just over. It was a very busy time as about the third day Mrs. Smith became ill and had to go to bed for a few days. Marilyn was on her way to Haines, and although she wanted to stay, I felt it was best for her to leave at this time for a bit of rest and recreation before coming back to work full time. Miss Hornbeck came in for several extra hours and due to Mrs. Smith's good planning for the extra work and the cooperation of some of our girls, we got along very well. We were tired when the week was over, to be sure, but as there were no discipline problems to speak of among the students and no one taking off, there was very little confusion. Getting them up and off at most early morning hours was a bit hectic but we felt a satisfaction in having helped once more to see that these young people got back to their homes without getting into town and involved in trouble. Then too, we will benefit financially in that our statement to BIA is for \$344 for feeding and boarding care. It will help.

Mr. Turner has been over to help get the gardening started. Some of the girls were quite enthusiastic about making gardens of their own. I only hope they will continue to feel the same once the gardens begin to grow. However, once the garden is up and weeding needed to be done, this will be put on the work chart as a regular part of the working day. We have purchased a few yards of top soil to make a flower garden in the front of the house, but much more is needed.

There has been much illness during the month, especially severe cases of flu. One girl who had been working came for the weekend and had a very bad chest cold so we put her in the isolation room (what a blessing that room is) and contacted the doctor who thought it might be a recurrence of the flu and said to bring her in to the hospital. Within a few days it was found that she had tuberculosis, and she is now in the ANHS hospital in Anchorage.

Our dear little Eskimo grandmother, Shakarella, known to BIA as Susie Schultze passed away on the eleventh. She had been a faithful attender at the Homemakers' meetings for the past several months although she was much older than the others. She had been making her home with Roland and Lily and while there she learned to know Jesus as her personal Saviour. You will remember that Roland was the young man who learned to know the Lord when his tiny son died, although Lily has been a Christian of many years, and a very faithful one. They were sad at losing her but not as they would have been had it happened a year ago.



The Homemakers' Club concluded its work for the year with a very nice picnic which was held at the Crabb home. They will begin their meetings again in September. We are hoping to do much more in the line of program during the summer and are looking for someone to help with Boys' Nights. We will need a couple who has enthusiasm and a liking for young people.

The feeling of unrest, resentment and in one instance of open defiance has finally reached its climax and boiled over. I am thankful for that. Perhaps as some say, much of the naughtiness going on around town may be due in part to spring spirits but I am rather of the opinion that it goes a bit deeper. Since two of our girls were not allowed to come back after having walked off and three of them spent some time in detention, we have had a much better spirit all through the house. Then too, with the close of school others have gone out on live-in jobs and we have had quite a turn over in residents.

We have been able to give some assistance to a mother who is trying very hard to make a come back to normal living and to eventually having her children, or at least a part of them, back with her sometime in the future. Over a period of many years she has been living as so many do--more often intoxicated than not, and of course indulging in the kind of life that goes with it. She became quite ill and was hospitalized for some weeks so that it gave us a chance to talk with her and to encourage her. When she left the hospital she came to us and began to make new friends and to get rid of some of the old ones. It was quite a battle, especially as they would call her on the phone and when we either refused to call her or to deliver messages, become quite belligerent. I was told many things about myself that I never knew by one persistent man whose language fitted the kind of life he lived. I was told in the most picturesque terms what he thought of me and everyone connected with me, my past and my future and just where I was going. I finally told him the number of the police station. He must have called them as I have heard nothing more from him. In the meantime this mother has found herself a job where she is caring for four children, two of them retarded. I am amazed that she has had the will to stick it out as it is one of the hardest places I know of to work.

Our little fourteen-year-old has finally been placed in a children's home on the outskirts of town with the hope that she may adjust there. I doubt that she will, but it will be well if she does. She and her parents were both willing that she go to Haines House if the room was available but she is finally in the custody of DPT so someone is responsible for her.

Much has been accomplished around the house due to the efforts of Mrs. Smith's son who comes in on Saturdays or evenings to help. He put up the partition between the office and the space we used to use for our sleeping room. Dave Crow came over to put up shelves and it is now a very good storage room. George has also helped to put up other shelves in the clothes closet here in the office and we now use it to store our linens, quilts and blankets. Our girls have been painting furniture. There is much more to be done but we have the summer before us.

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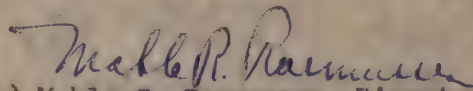


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2. New admissions	<u>95</u>	<u>144</u>	<u>11</u>
3. Readmissions	<u>9</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>6</u>
4. Total number of admissions*	<u>104</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>17</u>
5. Number of discharges	<u>104</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>18</u>
6. Total remaining in home at end of month	<u>12</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
7. Number of overnights lodging for non-residents.	<u>150</u>	<u>297</u>	<u>65</u>
8. Number of overnights lodging for residents	<u>346</u>	<u>1647</u>	<u>557</u>
9. Number of meals provided non-residents	<u>494</u>	<u>1459</u>	<u>309</u>
10. Number of meals provided residents	<u>1349</u>	<u>6949</u>	<u>1603</u>
11. Daily average number of residents	<u>11.6</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
12. Daily average number of non-residents	<u>4.8</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
13. Average length of stay per resident	<u>24 days</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
14. Average length of stay per non-resident	<u>12/3 days</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
15. Total capacity of home for residents	<u>18</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
16. Number of groups or social gatherings held during month	<u>6</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
17. Number of classes held for residents & community	<u>2</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
18. Number of interviews or consultations with residents	<u>52</u>	<u>non-residents</u>	<u>37</u>
19. Number applying for admission, not yet admitted	<u>4</u>	<u>referred elsewhere</u>	<u>      </u>

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Alaska Native Health Service	<u>      </u>
Dept. of Public Welfare	<u>2</u>
Bureau Indian Affairs	<u>82</u>
Board of Juvenile Institutions	<u>4</u>
Private party	<u>1</u>
Other agency (specify)	<u>      </u>
Self	<u>5</u>
Office Vocat. Rehab.	<u>1</u>
" of Relocation	<u>1</u>
Sheldon Jackson students	<u>8</u>

\*Breakdown of Discharges

Returned to own home	<u>90</u>
Found job with housing	<u>9</u>
To hospitals	<u>2</u>
Foster Home	<u>1</u>
Detention Home	<u>3</u>

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NARRATIVE FOR MONTH OF MAY, 1959

Our very busy month of May, with its trek of students returning to their villages is just over. It was a very busy time as about the third day Mrs. Smith became ill and had to go to bed for a few days. Marilyn was on her way to Haines, and although she wanted to stay, I felt it was best for her to leave at this time for a bit of rest and recreation before coming back to work full time. Miss Hornbeck came in for several extra hours and due to Mrs. Smith's good planning for the extra work and the cooperation of some of our girls, we got along very well. We were tired when the week was over, to be sure, but as there were no discipline problems to speak of among the students and no one taking off, there was very little confusion. Getting them up and off at most early morning hours was a bit hectic but we felt a satisfaction in having helped once more to see that these young people got back to their homes without getting into town and involved in trouble. Then too, we will benefit financially in that our statement to BIA is for \$344 for feeding and boarding care. It will help.

Mr. Turner has been over to help get the gardening started. Some of the girls were quite enthusiastic about making gardens of their own. I only hope they will continue to feel the same once the gardens begin to grow. However, once the garden is up and weeding needed to be done, this will be put on the work chart as a regular part of the working day. We have purchased a few yards of top soil to make a flower garden in the front of the house, but much more is needed.

There has been much illness during the month, especially severe cases of flu. One girl who had been working came for the weekend and had a very bad chest cold so we put her in the isolation room (what a blessing that room is) and contacted the doctor who thought it might be a recurrence of the flu and said to bring her in to the hospital. Within a few days it was found that she had tuberculosis, and she is now in the ANHS hospital in Anchorage.

Our dear little Eskimo grandmother, Thakarella, known to BIA as Susie Schultze passed away on the eleventh. She had been a faithful attender at the Homemakers' meetings for the past several months although she was much older than the others. She had been making her home with Roland and Lily and while there she learned to know Jesus as her personal Saviour. You will remember that Roland was the young man who learned to know the Lord when his tiny son died, although Lily has been a Christian of many years, and a very faithful one. They were sad at losing her but not as they would have been had it happened a year ago.



## May Narrative

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The Homemakers' Club concluded its work for the year with a very nice picnic which was held at the Crabb home. They will begin their meetings again in September. We are hoping to do much more in the line of program during the summer and are looking for someone to help with Boys' Nights. We will need a couple who has enthusiasm and a liking for young people.

The feeling of unrest, resentment and in one instance of open defiance has finally reached its climax and boiled over. I am thankful for that. Perhaps as some say, much of the naughtiness going on around town may be due in part to spring spirits but I am rather of the opinion that it goes a bit deeper. Since two of our girls were not allowed to come back after having walked off and three of them spent some time in detention, we have had a much better spirit all through the house. Then too, with the close of school others have gone out on live-in jobs and we have had quite a turn over in residents.

We have been able to give some assistance to a mother who is trying very hard to make a come back to normal living and to eventually having her children, or at least a part of them, back with her sometime in the future. Over a period of many years she has been living as so many do--more often intoxicated than not, and of course indulging in the kind of life that goes with it. She became quite ill and was hospitalized for some weeks so that it gave us a chance to talk with her and to encourage her. When she left the hospital she came to us and began to make new friends and to get rid of some of the old ones. It was quite a battle, especially as they would call her on the phone and when we either refused to call her or to deliver messages, became quite beligerent. I was told many things about myself that I never knew by one persistent man whose language fitted the kind of life he lived. I was told in the most picturesque terms what he thought of me and everyone connected with me, my past and my future and just where I was going. I finally told him the number of the police station. He must have called them as I have heard nothing more from him. In the meantime this mother has found herself a job where she is caring for four children, two of them retarded. I am amazed that she has had the will to stick it out as it is one of the hardest places I know of to work.

Our little fourteen-year-old has finally been placed in a children's home on the outskirts of town with the hope that she may adjust there. I doubt that she will, but it will be well if she does. She and her parents were both willing that she go to Haines House if the room was available but she is finally in the custody of DPH so someone is responsible for her.

Much has been accomplished around the house due to the efforts of Mrs. Smith's son who comes in on Saturdays or evenings to help. He put up the partition between the office and the space we used to use for our sleeping room. Dave Crow came over to put up shelves and it is now a very good storage room. George has also helped to put up other shelves in the clothes closet here in the office and we now use it to store our linens, quilts and blankets. Our girls have been painting furniture. There is much more to be done but we have the summer before us.

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*Summer Worker 1959*

## Presbyterian Hospitality House

The Hospitality House is to provide Christian Guidance  
and assistance to needy girls of working age

May 3, 1959

*1959 w/ summer*

Dr. J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Dept. of Work in Alaska  
United Presbyterian Church, USA  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, 10, New York

Dear Dr. Jackman:

John Stokes and I discussed your letter of April 28th, regarding Mrs. Mann. Needless to say, I am very sorry that she cannot come for more of the summer. Both John and I feel that six weeks is too little time for her to become well enough acquainted with the work here to be of much use in our program. If we are to have someone who will be able take over for either Mrs. Smith or myself, it will be necessary for her to be here at least a month before either one of us would feel free to leave. Mrs. Smith is planning to take her vacation in August and I would like to take mine a week at a time during the summer.

*who? Latta*

Do you have anyone else who could come for two and one-half or three months? As John and I were discussing this matter, we wondered if there is any possibility of Marilyn being hired for the summer. She is planning on getting work so that she can pay her expenses for this coming school year and has her application in at the Employment Service, the airlines and a number of other firms. So far she has had nothing definite. Would it be possible to use money from the summer service fund to pay her \$200.00 per month plus her room and board? I know she does not have the qualifications required according to your letter to Mrs. Mann, but she has the ability to fit in anywhere as well as much experience and knowledge which she has acquired during the past year with us. Her school is out about the 20th of May so that she could get away for some vacation time then if this plan would be possible. She is majoring in education and plans to take one more year at the University of Alaska which will be her Senior year, and then go to the states for further study the following year. She has about decided that this is the type of work she would like to follow and surely she has seen it at it's worst and at it's best. She is an amazing girl for one so young. She will be twenty-one years in July, yet has an exceptional understanding and love for others. There is no compromising as far as her own Christian living is concerned, and yet, she has all the compassion in the world for those who are weaker. Her being here these past months has certainly been valuable to our girls. She is very good working with groups and although I have not discussed it with her, I hope she will get as much training as possible in group work.

Will you let us know as soon as possible if there is any chance that Marilyn could be hired? If not, I hope you will be able to find someone else. I am very much disappointed that Mrs. Mann couldn't come for longer, it seems we were all agreed that she would be a fine person to work with. Perhaps something will turn up to change her plans again. I rather hope so.

Sincerely,

*Mable*

cc: John Stokes

(PLEASE REPLY BY AIR MAIL)



AUG 31 1959

## HOSPITALITY HOUSE - Fairbanks Alaska

Receipts and Disbursements January through June 1959 with Budget comparison.  
 PERSONNEL & PROGRAM ACCOUNT:

RECEIPTS:	6 mo. actual	6 mo. budget
Board of National Missions	3249.96	3250.00
Contributions within Alaska	316.00	1757.50
Contributions without Alaska	525.00	500.00
From Gov't Agencies for services	3900.72	5000.00
From Residents	34.00	200.00
Employees - Meals & Lodging	1100.00	-----
	9125.68	10707.50

## DISBURSEMENTS:

Wages (before deductions)	3599.00	3500.00
OAB Employer	80.98	87.50
State Unemployment tax	97.17	95.00
Food	3213.91	3000.00
Utilities: Elec. Water, Telephone	1324.91	1250.00
Fuel Oil - Heating	826.52	750.00
Transportation	198.75	500.00
Repairs to Equipment	52.75	125.00
Building Maintenance	58.47	500.00
Office Expense	97.12	125.00
Janitorial	43.75	50.00
Insurance - Liability & Fire, Contents	99.83	75.00
Crafts	13.10	200.00
Laundry	121.69	150.00
Medical	15.70	50.00
Conference	-----	250.00
Miscellaneous	109.23	-----
	9952.88	10707.50
Excess Expense over receipts	827.20	

## EMPLOYEES:

Mrs. Rasmussen, Director	Wages \$100 per month plus meals, lodging.
Mrs. Smith, Ass't	Wages 300 per month less 100 for meals, etc.
Miss Latta, Asst	Wages 120 per month less 100 for meals, etc.
Miss Hornbeck, Social worker part time	@ \$2.00 per hour.

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RECEIPTS TO BUILDING ACCOUNT:

Board of Nat'l Missions	1000.00
Personal Gifts	200.00
First Presby. Church, Fairbanks	2500.00
	3700.00

## DISBURSEMENTS:

To Contractor & other renovation items	4307.43
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J. Jay Bickel, Treas.



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7. Number of overnights lodging for non-residents.	64	361	20
8. Number of overnights lodging for residents	373	2020	449
9. Number of meals provided non-residents	259	1708	116
10. Number of meals provided residents	1406	8355	7532
11. Daily average number of residents	12		
12. Daily average number of non-residents	2		
13. Average length of stay per resident	26 1/2		
14. Average length of stay per non-resident	3 1/2		
15. Total capacity of home for residents	18		
16. Number of groups or social gatherings held during month			6
17. Number of classes held for residents			community 2
18. Number of interviews or consultations with residents			50 non-residents 72
19. Number applying for admission, not yet admitted			referred elsewhere

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Board of Juvenile Institutions	4
Private party	1
Other agency (specify)	
Self	14
OVR	1
Relocation	1

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To hospitals	1

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We have had many visitors this month and are looking forward to many more. Dr. Jackman and the Seminar will be here the first part of July. Some of our visitors have traveled many miles to reach Alaska and it is interesting to hear their comments, especially if it is their first trip. One couple drove from Minnesota bringing several crates of eggs with them. By the time they arrived here they had twelve dozen left for us. They were Methodists but had heard of our work, and wanted to contribute something. We surely enjoyed the eggs. Many others have come from about eight states so far and one man who is with a government office in Washington D. C. said he had heard of our work and wondered if such a place as this might not prove practical in the states where relocation work is being carried on.

One visitor who gave us much happiness was Agnes Peetook Walters, formerly of Wainwright and now of California. She had been lonely for Alaska and her own people so her husband provided her with the ticket to come back for a visit. After being here just a few days she became so homesick that if it was possible she would have started right back. She would not go on to Wainwright but went back to California. She said she had seen enough and wanted to go home. We feared for her happiness when she was married some months ago but this is once that we were concerned and had no need to be. Her husband and his family are very active in their church and Agnes is included and learning to take her place with them.

We have had several students in journalism ask for interviews and information on our work. One girl who wrote a very good article was told by her professor that it was good enough with a bit of revising to be used by some magazine, so she is working hard at it.

There has been very little excitement other than the routine events such as new ones coming and going. Our Esther is being married early in July. We are all sad at losing her but feel that as she is marrying a fine Christian young man she will be happy. We have never had a girl whose whole nature seemed to change when she gave her heart to the Lord. From a cross, unhappy, selfish girl, she



is growing into a lovely young woman with self control, kindness and thoughtfulness for others and a deep sincere desire to please God. Where once the others shunned her, fearing her tongue, they now admire and love her and cannot do enough to help her prepare for her wedding. What an example and a good influence she is to the others!

Now that we have Marilyn with us as program director full time, the work is much lighter. Although most of her time is put into working with groups and visiting, just the feeling of having her interest and zeal about us is a help. I went calling with her the first day and after that she was on her own. She has a love for others which attracts and gives confidence. She is doing a good job and I believe we will be well satisfied with the progress made when it is time for her to return to school in the fall. Her report will give a complete picture of the work she has started. She has outlined a better program for our girls' spare time too, for which we are thankful.

This leads to another thought. We had better be considering a full-time worker for us in the fall. The work is becoming quite heavy. There is much counselling in addition to the work with the girls here. Especially do we have women coming to us for advice and help who do not feel they want to confide in agency workers or even their close friends. We refer them to their pastors whenever possible but often they will not go there. It seems that with each girl we get from the area of Fairbanks, we also get a family problem that needs help immediately. So often the problem is the cause of the girl straying. Then some of our young couples, because the girl has lived here or has had some contact with us before she was married, feel that they still have a claim upon us in their difficulties, and of course when a bit of encouragement or counselling will help, we must be prepared to help them. We have a number of volunteers who will be taking over the classes but there is much to be done in just keeping the workers advised and in getting them organized.

We have just one complaint to make this month, or should I call it a suggestion? The tenants of Fairview Manor, some of them, have formed the habit of parking their cars along the fence on our side of it. I do not know just where the property line runs but it would be advisable I believe, to determine if they are parking on our property and if so to put up a chain or posts with a sign 'No Parking.' Many nights when we could get a full night's sleep, we are awakened by the cars coming and going. Sometimes, as happened last night, a car doesn't start, so there they are working and shouting while they try to get it started. Another thing to think about is this--not long ago we were told that our girls were sitting in parked cars with their boy friends. This is not so, as we know when they come in and no one is allowed to sit out front in a car. We are especially careful of this. I can only think that the person must have seen these cars and just took it for granted they belonged to us.

Somehow the many irritations and problems that some time ago seemed so great have just sort of dissolved. I am thankful for our fine co-workers. I so often hear of the friction and quarreling that occurs in some institutions and am so glad for God's grace in our lives that gives us an awareness of Him so that when we do have difficulties we can talk them over together--if we have wronged one another, we can ask forgiveness and as we begin each day with prayer and His Word, we feel a subduing by the Spirit that goes with us often through hard places and added strength when it is needed. We request your prayers in behalf of this much needed work.

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We have had many visitors this month and are looking forward to many more. Dr. Jackman and the Seminar will be here the first part of July. Some of our visitors have traveled many miles to reach Alaska and it is interesting to hear their comments, especially if it is their first trip. One couple drove from Minnesota bringing several crates of eggs with them. By the time they arrived here they had twelve dozen left for us. They were Methodists but had heard of our work, and wanted to contribute something. We surely enjoyed the eggs. Many others have come from about eight states so far and one man who is with a government office in Washington D. C. said he had heard of our work and wondered if such a place as this might not prove practical in the states where relocation work is being carried on.

One visitor who gave us much happiness was Agnes Peetook Walters, formerly of Wainwright and now of California. She had been lonely for Alaska and her own people so her husband provided her with the ticket to come back for a visit. After being here just a few days she became so homesick that if it was possible she would have started right back. She would not go on to Wainwright but went back to California. She said she had seen enough and wanted to go home. We feared for her happiness when she was married some months ago but this is once that we were concerned and had no need to be. Her husband and his family are very active in their church and Agnes is included and learning to take her place with them.

We have had several students in journalism ask for interviews and information on our work. One girl who wrote a very good article was told by her professor that it was good enough with a bit of revising to be used by some magazine, so she is working hard at it.

There has been very little excitement other than the routine events such as new ones coming and going. Our Esther is being married early in July. We are all sad at losing her but feel that as she is marrying a fine Christian young man she will be happy. We have never had a girl whose whole nature seemed to change when she gave her heart to the Lord. From a cross, unhappy, selfish girl, she



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This leads to another thought. We had better be considering a full-time worker for us in the fall. The work is becoming quite heavy. There is much counselling in addition to the work with the girls here. Especially do we have women coming to us for advice and help who do not feel they want to confide in agency workers or even their close friends. We refer them to their pastors whenever possible but often they will not go there. It seems that with each girl we get from the area of Fairbanks, we also get a family problem that needs help immediately. So often the problem is the cause of the girl straying. Then some of our young couples, because the girl has lived here or has had some contact with us before she was married, feel that they still have a claim upon us in their difficulties, and of course when a bit of encouragement or counselling will help, we must be prepared to help them. We have a number of volunteers who will be taking over the classes but there is much to be done in just keeping the workers advised and in getting them organized.

We have just one complaint to make this month, or should I call it a suggestion? The tenants of Fairview Manor, some of them, have formed the habit of parking their cars along the fence on our side of it. I do not know just where the property line runs but it would be advisable I believe to determine if they are parking on our property and if so to put up a chain or posts with a sign 'No Parking.' Many nights when we could get a full night's sleep, we are awakened by the cars coming and going. Sometimes, as happened last night, a car doesn't start, so there they are working and shouting while they try to get it started. Another thing to think about is this--not long ago we were told that our girls were sitting in parked cars with their boy friends. This is not so, as we know when they come in and no one is allowed to sit out front in a car. We are especially careful of this. I can only think that the person must have seen these cars and just took it for granted they belonged to us.

Somehow the many irritations and problems that some time ago seemed so great have just sort of dissolved. I am thankful for our fine co-workers. I so often hear of the friction and quarreling that occurs in some institutions and am so glad for God's grace in our lives that gives us an awareness of Him so that when we do have difficulties we can talk them over together--if we have wronged one another, we can ask forgiveness and as we begin each day with prayer and His Word, we feel a subduing by the Spirit that goes with us often through hard places and added strength when it is needed. We request your prayers in behalf of this much needed work.

Respectfully submitted;

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## HOSPITALITY HOUSE - Fairbanks Alaska

## JULY 1959 REPORT

RECEIPTS:	Bank a/c	Building a/c	Personnel & Program a/c
Alaska Contributions			164.00
Contributions Outside Alaska			125.00
From Gov't Agencies for Services			1158.67
From Residents			140.00
Travelling Seminar for Food			35.00
Cab Fare Reimbursements			15.75
Toll Charges reimbursed			20.00
Rev. Brian Cleworth, Gift for Bldg a/c		100.00	
First Presby. Church, Fairbanks per Session		500.00	
Deposits	2258.42		
Total Receipts & Deposits	2258.42	600.00	1658.42
A/C Balances FDW from June Report	489.51	(2142.09)	1771.23
Totals	2747.93	(1542.09)	3429.65

## DISBURSEMENTS:

Wages - (Cancellation M. Latta June Ck.)	152.96		200.00
Internal Revenue - W/Tax & OAB	361.35		47.77 OAB ER
State Unemployment Tax	61.16		51.60 2.7% ER
State W/Tax	37.23		
Loan Repayment-First Natl Bank	500.00		
Transportation	5.25		5.25
Food	447.19		447.19
Utilities: El102.41; W48.40; T21.12; Tol22.55	194.48		194.48
Heating Oil	92.54		92.54
Building Maintenance	16.48		16.48
Office Expense	36.72		36.72
Janitorial	22.10		22.10
Girls Clothing & Personal	63.54		63.54
Religious Books	23.50		23.50
Medical & Misc.	36.91		36.91
Laundry	11.15		11.15
Jos. H. Keeney, Contractor, Bal. on a/c	308.45	308.45	
Total Disbursements	2371.01	(1850.54)	1249.23
A/C Balances W/Tax Liabil. 47.04	376.92	(1850.54)	2180.42

July Bal. Per. & Pgm. a/c	2180.42
June Bal. Per. & Pgm. a/c	1771.23
Excess receipts ovr Expend.	409.19
Less Unpaid charges	158.00
	<u>251.19</u>

Accrued unpaid bills:  
 Mrs Rasmussen Car Use \$150  
 M. Hornbeck wages 8.00

J. Jay Bickel, Treas.



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3. Readmissions	<u>7</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>8</u>
4. Total number of admissions*	<u>75</u>	<u>237</u>	<u>92</u>
5. Number of discharges	<u>79</u>	<u>278</u>	<u>82</u>
6. Total remaining in home at end of month	<u>17</u>		<u>34</u>
7. Number of overnights lodging for non-residents.	<u>132</u>	<u>522</u>	<u>140</u>
8. Number of overnights lodging for residents	<u>385</u>	<u>2932</u>	<u>427</u>
9. Number of meals provided non-residents	<u>487</u>	<u>2539</u>	<u>304</u>
10. Number of meals provided residents	<u>1698</u>	<u>11834</u>	<u>1976</u>
11. Daily average number of residents	<u>12<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>		
12. Daily average number of non-residents	<u>1<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>		
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Private party	<u>—</u>
Other agency (specify)	<u>—</u>
Self	<u>2</u>
Relocation	<u>1</u>

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Returned to own home	<u>10</u>
Found job with housing	<u>6</u>
To hospitals	<u>1</u>
States	<u>1</u>
Jail	<u>1</u>
School	<u>60</u>

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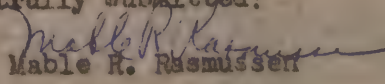
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5. Number of discharges	<u>79</u>	<u>278</u>	<u>82</u>
6. Total remaining in home at end of month	<u>17</u>		<u>34</u>
7. Number of overnights lodging for non-residents.	<u>132</u>	<u>522</u>	<u>140</u>
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Relocation Dept. BIA	<u>1</u>

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<b>RECEIPTS:</b>			
Deduction for Employee meals, etc.			100.00
Alaska Contributions			50.00
Outside Alaska			100.00
From Government Agencies			1610.97
From Residents			65.00
Deposits	1825.97		
Total Receipts & Deposits	1825.97	-0-	1925.97
A/C Balances FDW from July report	376.92	(1850.54)	2180.42
Totals	2202.89	(1850.54)	4106.39

DISBURSEMENTS:

Wages (less deductions)	232.38		416.00
Transportation	215.00		215.00
Equipment Maintenance	15.00		15.00
Medical	12.09		12.09
Utilities:			
Elec 111.79; W71.43; Tel 21.12; Toll 11.94	216.28		216.28
Building Maintenance	92.93		92.93
Office Expense	29.16		29.16
Janitorial	46.92		46.92
Crafts	68.38		68.38
Laundry	53.18		53.18
Total Disbursements	1674.93	-0-	1858.55
A/C Balances	527.96	(1850.54)	2247.84
W/Tax Liabil.	130.66		

\* This report supercedes and corrects previous August Report.

J. Jay Bickel, Treas.

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"Now look! This was in the Seattle Times. One of the students wrote us up for her journalism class and Dr. Kiem, her instructor suggested she send it to one of the magazines. This is where it ended up. It's a bit embarrassing with the Rasmussen's all over the page. I hope the P. L. writer will take a broader view of the whole thing. After all, there is much more to the Hospitality House than it's beginning and it's time we forget the beginnings and go on to greater things.

The forms you sent Marilyn are not the best but perhaps we can make up some others for your approval that will give the Board a better picture of her work. She is doing very well. I have heard nothing from Olive Fisher but as in a few other instances I am trusting that she will be able to come. I did hear that on her vacation she will be visiting establishments such as ours to see what they are doing. Sounds promising. Bye for now. I'm up to my ears preparing for our conference. It just must be a success. I expect Isabel in sometime today. -Greetings to Mrs. Jackman too.

Sincerely,

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# Haven for Alaskan Native Girls

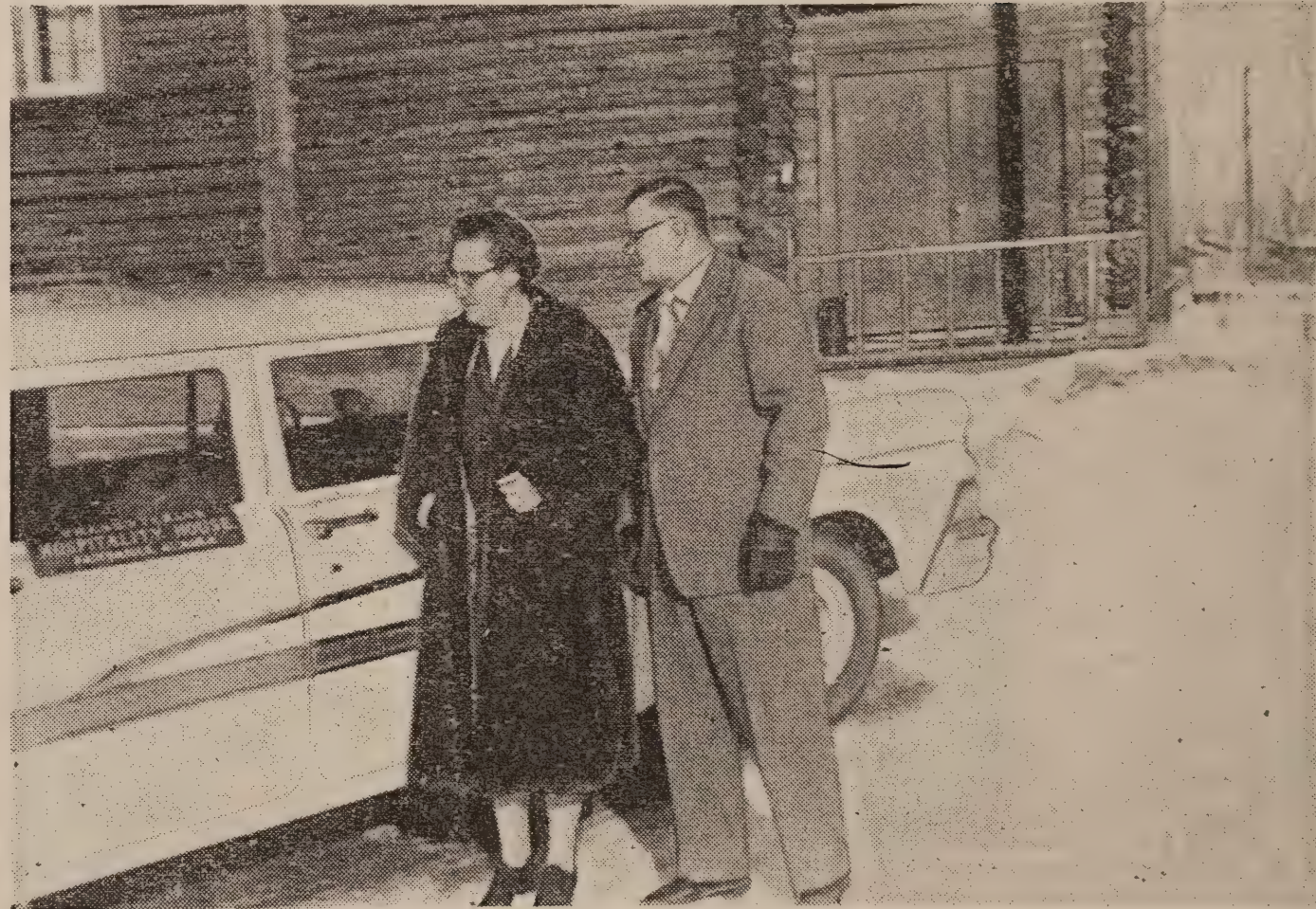
By AGNES RODLI

THE face of Alaska is changing rapidly. As furs are being depleted, the economy of the Eskimo and Indian villages is becoming more precarious. Young people find their parents' homes crowded and leave for the cities to look for work. For the girls this usually means domestic work, but too often they apply ill-prepared for the jobs available.

What about the complexities of shopping in a supermarket, of defrosting refrigerators, and using pressure cookers? The girls who go to town to find work often discover they cannot even baby-sit to please the women who would hire them.

Discouraged, the girls look for help. Some give up and go back to their villages. Others have no money with which to go back, so they drift from place to place without even a room to call their own.

Mrs. Mabel Rasmussen made these girls her personal concern. She and her husband attend the First Presbyterian Church of Fairbanks, where they became active in native work. But Mrs. Rasmussen looked beyond her Sunday School class and asked to do more than to say, "Be ye clothed and fed." She started classes to teach her native girls how to sew



MR. AND MRS. HARRY RASMUSSEN left the Fairbanks Hospitality House to go to church on a Sunday morning. Mrs. Rasmussen operates a "home away from home" and

a school for native young women, sponsored by the Presbyterian Board of National Missions. Their training here helps the girls establish themselves in the "new" Alaska.

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and cook.

An electrical firm gave Mrs. Rasmussen the use of the company's kitchen. The girls attended Friday classes regularly. But months of patient effort did not satisfy Mrs. Rasmussen. She was conscious more than ever before of the spiritual, social and material needs of Alaska's uprooted young people.

MRS. RASMUSSEN pleaded with the Presbyterian Board of National Missions to do something, to find someone who could make a home for the girls and work with them every day. She pictured a home away from home where they could be trained for jobs, then helped to find the right jobs.

The board agreed to rent a build-

ing of only one person with the ability, understanding and vision for the task. The agency asked Mrs. Rasmussen to be the one to try her own scheme.

The plan worked. In March, 1957, Mrs. Rasmussen opened the Fairbanks Hospitality House in a rented basement. She took in three girls. By the end of the year more than 200 had registered as her guests. Of that number, about half were students en route to or from government boarding schools. The rest were mostly young women from the villages who were trying to adjust to a new world.

Those who appreciated this sheltering roof told their friends about it, and so the word spread. Soon the

phone calls and applications from girls who wanted job training.

THE lower half of a building, which had been adequate when the work first began, strained at the seams. The Board of National Missions began looking for larger permanent quarters and learned that the log building in which the home was housed was for sale. When remodeled and partitioned, it would have ample room for 18 resident girls, besides the workers.

The price of the building was above the means of those who saw it as the new Hospitality House. They prayed. Almost miraculously money came in from interested parties and from church groups. The trustees were able to make the transaction.

Although the building is fairly new, it needed a fresh coat of paint inside before dedication day. The girls resident in the home at the time did the work.

Now a home is open to girls of any race and of any church affiliation, or of no church connection at all.

SINCE many girls are unable to pay, arrangements are made that a girl may work for her room and board. After she obtains employment, she is expected to contribute toward her keep, that she may learn the value of money, as well as build her own sense of equality with other working girls.

The bulk of the financial load of the home is carried by the Presbyterian Church and by gifts and offerings from donors in other states and even from the villages. A native father may send a dollar. He appreciates the knowledge that his daughter is receiving care and counsel.

The rules of the home are few, mostly governing hours and places of entertainment. Certain nights are

conducted classes in home nursing, prenatal care, baby-sitting and sewing. These classes are open to people of the community as well as the native girls.

Young people's meetings are held once a week, which outsiders also are invited to attend.

Mrs. Rasmussen smiles happily when she talks about her girls. She and "Daddy" Rasmussen have seen several of their girls marry and many now have homes of their own. Others have gone away for further schooling. One is training as a dental technician with the Alaska Department of Health. Not all the girls succeed in finding their niches, but those who do compensate for the disappointments.

MRS. RASMUSSEN and her assistant, Mrs. Viola Smith, put in long hours, but their work is rewarding.

The girls are given a purpose.

"You can tell them they shouldn't do this and they shouldn't do that," says Mrs. Rasmussen, "but you have to give them something more positive."

Mrs. Rasmussen's everyday living is an example of her positive outlook. For her, everyday living is packed with emergencies. Once a phone call came asking if she could feed 40 children who were airport-bound by plane-engine trouble. Her answer was positive.

"We happened to have some pancake flour," Mrs. Rasmussen recalled later, "so the girls pitched in and helped us and we had supper for that whole gang of hungry youngsters. We have had some great times here."

Mrs. Rasmussen's girls remember those great times. They learn the fun of living and the joy of helping others. They discover that they can put their roots down and find their places in the new Alaska.



ESKIMO GIRLS, left and center, and a friend enjoyed a taste of home at the Hospitality House—some seal oil and frozen meat.



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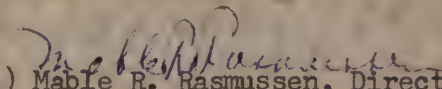
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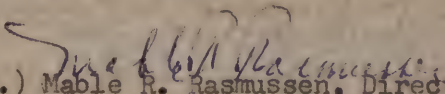


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Found job with housing 2  
To hospitals 1  
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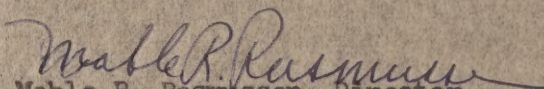
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7. Number of overnights lodging for non-residents.	<u>8</u>	<u>644</u>	<u>24</u>
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Police Dept.	<u>1</u>

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Returned to own home	<u>5</u>
Found job with housing	<u>1</u>
To hospitals	<u>—</u>
Married	<u>1</u>

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NARRATIVE FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER 1959

December is surely the liveliest month of the year, and perhaps the busiest, especially as all thought and preparation has been toward that most wonderful of holidays, Christmas.

Our girls, with Marilyn's help planned the Christmas activities, and it was a happy time for all. There were tears of loneliness and a longing for home for some, or just a wish to have someone of their own. As one girl expressed it, "I wish I had an own family". However, personal feelings were put aside and everyone helped to make it a happy time.

We were a bit worried (oh, ye of little faith) because Christmas boxes were slow in coming - so that we had gifts for some but not enough for all. We had had a check from one of the churches in the states with which we bought skates for the house for all to use, and some packages had come in. I talked with Mr. Cleworth about it and he contacted Mr. Ryan of the News-miner and we were given a good sum which helped and more. Then just a day or two before Christmas three huge boxes of foodstuffs and beautifully wrapped gifts were sent us from the First Church in Anchorage. Our Christmas, or that part of it, was made!

Early on Christmas Eve, some of our girls visited a sick woman bringing her a gift and singing carols for her. Then we went to the Candle Light Service at church, except for those who attended their own midnight services in their respective churches. Although it was late when we came home, we had our time of fun about the tree with the distribution of gifts for all of us. I wish you could have shared that time with us and heard the squeals of delight when the box of skates was opened. One of the stateside women's groups had earlier in the year made enough pretty pajamas so that each girl could have a new pair for Christmas so when our festivities were over, they brought mattresses downstairs on the living room floor, donned the new pajamas and had the slumber party they had been teasing for, for a long time. They had permission to stay up as long as they wished, and although I was exhausted and went to bed and sleep, Harry said he could hear them singing Christmas carols at 5:30 in the morning.

In spite of little sleep, they all got up the next forenoon and helped make the dinner to which they had invited friends. It was a very grand time and after dinner was over, Harry took them all out to the skating rink at College to top of the day's activities. We received a number of cards and letters from former girls, many expressing their appreciation for assistance given in times past. Several remembered having spent a Christmas here and one in particular who is now happily married wrote thanking us for help given and closing with "from the one who always got lost." How thankful we are that the 'lost' has been found, and is now trusting the Lord.

Most of our work has been routine with very little out of the ordinary this month. On one occasion, a 14 year-old girl decided to leave home in 20 below weather and to start walking down the highway. She got as far as Eilson Air Base gate and half frozen, asked for assistance. The State Police were called and brought her in to us. The probation officer contacted the parents and in a few days she was allowed to go home. We checked into the family situation and found that the home is not the best, that an older brother had been one of two boys who shot and killed a cow moose and calf early this fall. As we were the recipients of



the meat which was given to us all wrapped and labeled, we were sure it was not the work of youngsters. An officer who has had some contact with the family agreed that the parents had had a hand in it. We also found that there are others in the family who have been in difficulties with the law and that this girl has run away from home several times. She was a most unhappy child and I felt she needed some understanding care. When she talked with the probation officer she told him that she would not run away again while it was so cold but when the weather was warm she would do it again. I also found that she was associating with the wrong kind of girls but felt it was because she feels a misfit. Her constant running away simply seems to me to be a demand on her part that someone do something to help her. No doubt she will go on as she is until such time as she is again picked up by the police and turned over to juvenile authorities. I offered the mother what assistance we could give in allowing the girl to come here for girl's meetings or week ends so that she would make new friends but we have heard nothing more from her.

Some of our Eskimo women came to me with the story that a Barrow girl was in town expecting a child and no place to stay. She was getting in with the wrong company because none of her people had room for her. By the time we caught up with her which was within the week her child was about to be born. She was rushed to the hospital from here and within a couple hours the little one arrived. I received a call from another woman patient in the same room saying the girl was being influenced to give up her baby. As I had talked with the girl about this matter of adoption, I felt she might want to give it up but felt it should go through the right channels. Before we were through, I had become involved with a number of local people all wanting that baby for someone they knew! I called Mr. Draper our DPW Representative and between us and the mother, the baby was placed in a foster home until the mother was satisfied as to what she wanted to do. The baby is now in a home with approved parents and will be adopted by them when the proceedings are complete.

We still have six girls in school all doing very well. One will graduate this year and go on to college if she so desires. By the middle of January we will be filled to capacity again as we have applications from girls who will be accepted.

We are all thankful for another year with it's many victories as well as failures. Many have been helped to a better way of life and who can tell how far reaching our efforts may be? Much that seems a failure to us can become otherwise in God's hands. It is enough that we can trust Him for each day knowing that every moment is in His control.

Respectfully submitted:

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